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Join us next Tuesday (1/20) at 6:00 for Nature Rocks! A Science Program. In his presentation Dr. Steven Cornford will emphasize that math is the language of science and show a variety of images to help develop an appreciation for the beauty of nature. He will also discuss how scientists (including future ones) use creativity and awe of the world around us to identify interesting problems to solve.

Fun for all ages. Your questions are welcome.

The Arroyo Seco Library is located at 6145 N. Figueroa St. Call us at 323-255-0537 if you have any questions.

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2 3rd Annual Community Pride Day January 17

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3rd Annual Community Pride Day
Saturday, January 17, 8am-12pm

PLEASE JOIN US for the 3rd ANNUAL COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY CLEAN-UP
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE
Saturday January 17, 2015, From 8am – 12pm

Please meet at the grassy knoll at the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center or at one of the Clean Up Sites/Supply Locations listed below.. We will spread out across the community for this great day of service. Bring your friends and neighbors! See you there!

GLASSELL PARK COMMUNITY/SR. CENTER

3750 N. Verdugo Road (Grassy Knoll)

For more information, Please contact the Neighborhood Organizer,
Bradley at (323) 806-7477 or ebebradley@hotmail.com

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3 Taking Our Voices To The Top

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In December I asked River lovers to stand up and join Friends of the Los Angeles River's campaign in support of Alternative 20, a plan to shatter the concrete and restore 11 miles of river including the 113 acre Piggyback Yard. I am honored to tell you now that we've passed our fundraising goal and with your

support we're ready to make sure your voices are heard.

Today I took our concerns right to the top. Lieutenant General Thomas Bostick, the Commanding General of the US Army Corps of Engineers, and senior Army Corps leaders, visited the Los Angeles River for the first time and had lunch with us at The Frog Spot. The General and I discussed how vital Los Angeles River restoration is not only to our community but to the future of the Army Corps itself. We showed the General not only a vibrant urban ecosystem ripe for restoration but a passionate community deeply invested in the River and dedicated to the campaign to restore it.

General Bostick will return to Corps HQ in Washington having heard our voices and having seen our River. We know that when he makes critical decisions this summer he will do so with that message in his heart.

Thank you for your support - together we are transforming the River.

Lewis MacAdams

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4 [The Cedillo Weekly 01/16/15](#)

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Friends,

This week the City Council heard a presentation by Dr. Lucy Jones, a seismologist and the premier California earthquake expert, on the Mayor's Resiliency by Design Report. The report provides recommendations to protect the City's public safety when the 'Big One' hits.

I support the recommendations present in the report, specifically mandating retrofits of two kinds of buildings. Soft story building, which are wood frame buildings where the first floor has large openings

and concrete buildings are non-ductile reinforced concrete buildings build before 1976 code.

As chair of the housing committee and vice-chair of planning committee, I took the initiative to introduce legislation that will help us enact these mandates moving forward. After reading the report and listening to the presentations on the subject, there is no doubt in my mind that the time to act is NOW.

What is a significant question in my mind is, "How are we to pay for these mandatory retrofits?"

Everything is on the table. We are exploring all options available to us to alleviate the financial burden for both tenants and landlords alike.

Next week, I am going to be traveling to Sacramento with my City Council colleagues and Dr. Lucy Jones to see how the State can help us with financing the proposed mandatory retrofitting.

Sincerely,

- Gil

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mandatory Earthquake Retrofitting Motion

On Wednesday, Councilmember Cedillo introduced a motion asking the City Attorney to draft ordinance language to mandate retrofits of soft story and concrete building in the City of Los Angeles. The motion also instructs the Housing Department to report on the potential cost to tenants and landlords arising from the recommendation in the Mayor's Resilience by Design report and to identify funding strategies that may help alleviate the cost of retrofit mandates.

The Resilience by Design report recommends implementing mandatory retrofit standards for soft story buildings are to be completed within five years while concrete buildings will have 30 years to complete after passage of any said ordinance. Soft story and concrete buildings built before the implementation of Los Angeles' 1976 revision of the building code pose a significant risk to life in strong earthquake shaking.

Currently, there are more than 29,000 wood-frame apartment buildings with five or more units built prior to 1978 (the year that California adopted the 1976 Uniform Building Code) in the City of Los Angeles, and over 15,000 of these are estimated to be soft-first-story buildings. All of them are subject to the rent-stabilization ordinance. The loss of these rent-stabilized buildings in a big earthquake would eliminate a large amount of affordable housing in Los Angeles.

Motion is set to be heard in Housing Committee next month.

Housing Committee Cap & Trade Report

In 2006 AB32 (2006) Pavley - required California to reduce its GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 — a reduction of approximately 15% below emissions. In 2014 SB 862 established the short and long term spending strategy for Cap & Trade funding. The bill stated that 20% of all Cap & Trade monies would go towards the Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program. The Strategic Growth Council was given the responsibility to develop the Program.

The Mayor's Office has worked in partnership with the Office of Councilman Cedillo to guide the implementation of the AHSC in a way that would be beneficial to the City of Los Angeles. Wednesday the Housing Committee held a hearing on the subject and allowed for feedback from Councilmembers

on the final guidelines which will be adopted by the Strategic Growth Council this coming Tuesday January 20th in Sacramento.

Councilman Cedillo introduced a resolution in Council Friday stating the City's official position. The resolution supports the Strategic Growth Council's (SGC) final guidelines for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities portion of the State Cap and Trade program, while urging them to consider two critical additional changes that are crucial to reducing carbon emissions and maximizes the leveraging of these important funds:

- Urge the elimination of a funding cap per locality. The proposed \$15 million cap for localities (Section 104, c) makes the program much less effective at achieving greenhouse gas reduction goals, and much less effective at reaching disadvantaged communities

- Urge you to re-instate the requirement of a locality as co-applicant for all project funding under the program. This will allow early collaboration between applicants and local jurisdictions

Resolution will be voted on in Council Tuesday January 20.

FIELD UPDATE

National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions

Today, Councilman Cedillo was the featured speaker at the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions' roundtable discussion on financial inclusion for immigrant consumers. The focus was on how to build a bridge between financial institutions and community organizations serving the immigrant population.

In Los Angeles County, immigrants represent 35% of the population living in the Los Angeles region, the highest since 1870. Immigrant workers are important to the Los Angeles region's economy. They contribute about 40% of the region's GDP, or nearly \$300 billion. Undocumented immigrants alone contribute nearly \$57 billion of the region's GDP.

Councilman Cedillo stressed the importance of being actively present in immigrant communities.

Providing financial literacy programs can be a way of helping immigrants to fully understand our financial systems and how credit works.

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count – Volunteer with us!

Team Cedillo is gearing up to volunteer for the 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count that will occur Thursday, January 29th.

The Point-In-Time Count is how the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) determines how many homeless neighbors we have in Los Angeles County on any given night. The purpose of the Greater Los Angeles Point-In-Time Homeless Count is to provide a biennial snapshot during the last 10 days of January of the number of homeless persons, their demographic characteristics and the locations where they reside; the Homeless Count is not designed to determine reasons for particular changes or characteristics occurring within the homeless population between counts.

Team Cedillo is sponsoring a team, currently with 12 volunteers we rank 12th citywide! Help with this year's count!

LAHSA needs 6,000 volunteers, if you can help with this important cause, please call our district office at 323.550.1538 or visit <http://lahsa.nationbuilder.com/teamcedillo> to sign up and get additional information.

Glassell Park Improvement Association Installation

On January 8 Deputy District Director Jose Rodriguez presented certificates of appreciation to members of Glassell Park Improvement Association that served on the board in 2014. Congratulations to the board members that volunteered and were re-elected.

The Glassell Park Improvement Association was established in 1969 and I am happy to see that people are keeping the spirit alive in 2015.

Congratulations to everyone! Together we will work on issues you care about. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer and serve on the Glassell Park Improvement Association.

Public Safety Improvements at Ribet Academy

Public safety is a priority for Councilmember Cedillo, especially around schools where children are always present. While Cedillo Team sees issues that need to be fixed, the information and community input helps us prioritize.

Mark Quiroz, from the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, helped to identify the safety concern around Ribet Academy on N. San Fernando Road in Glassell Park.

Team Cedillo worked with Quiroz and the Department of Transportation to install new florescent rebound bollards. This improvement will make the street safer for everyone. Previously there had only been painted "islands" to ensure traffic flows according to engineered patterns.

Great Team Effort Mark Quiroz!

Moon Canyon Neighborhood Watch Installs Signs

On Monday, Mount Washington's Moon Canyon neighbors met with Deputy Sylvia Robledo to discuss safety and mitigation strategies for their neighborhood. The residents were excited to install new neighbor watch signs around their neighborhood.

Team Cedillo congratulates the Moon Canyon Neighborhood Watch for forming and placing signs in their neighborhood. If anyone is interested in forming a neighborhood watch group please contact our office at 323.550.1538. Public safety is a priority for Team Cedillo.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Martin Luther King Day of Service

City Attorney Town Hall

Classes at Lincoln Heights Jr. Arts Center

Patton Street Park and Community Garden

Cypress Park - Keep It Clean

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By DAVID ZAHNISER

Former Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina said Thursday she has landed three high-profile endorsements in her race for Los Angeles City Council: U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, former Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilman Gil Cedillo.

Molina, who is seeking to unseat Councilman Jose Huizar in the March 3 election, abruptly made the announcement after the three politicians appeared as endorsers on a League of Women Voters' information page describing Molina's candidacy. That information was provided by Molina's campaign.

Fred Register, Molina's political consultant, told The Times on Thursday night that he was unaware the page listing the endorsements had already gone live. That development forced the campaign to reshuffle its plans, by confirming the endorsements all at once on a Thursday night.

"All I can say is, I'm proud of every single one" of the endorsements, Molina said in an interview. "All these endorsements are good, and the reason they're good is that these are people who know me. I've been in the trenches with them from day one."

The endorsements were first reported Thursday by the Mayor Sam political blog. The former mayor did not immediately return a call from The Times. A Boxer representative confirmed the endorsement, saying an announcement had been planned for later this year.

Cedillo spokesman Louis Reyes also confirmed his boss is backing Molina but said little more. "I'm sure we'll put out something formally," he said "We're just not prepared to do so."

Thursday's news represents something of a botched rollout for Molina, who spent 23 years as a county supervisor but has not had a competitive election campaign in years. Candidates typically unveil their biggest backers one by one, for maximum effect.

Huizar has been gradually putting out his own high-profile endorsers, a group that includes the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters.

Parke Skelton, Huizar's campaign consultant, said the three endorsements announced by Molina are "nothing particularly unexpected."

"She's always had a good relationship with Boxer," he said.

Skelton said Huizar has picked up pivotal support from the city's firefighter union and scores of leaders in his district, which stretches from Boyle Heights to Eagle Rock. "There are 300 community leaders who've already endorsed Jose," he added. "I don't know how many, if any of them, have endorsed Gloria."

Molina said she was one of Boxer's earliest endorsers in the 1992 campaign for U.S. Senate. Villaraigosa also has had a long history with Molina, who helped him enter politics by making him an alternate member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's board of directors. Still, Villaraigosa has also been an important ally of Huizar, helping him win his Eastside council seat in 2005.

Molina said she asked Villaraigosa for his advice on whether to run but also worried about putting him in the "terrible position" of having to choose between allies. She said Villaraigosa responded by providing his support. "He said, 'Gloria, if you run, I'm there.'"

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